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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated September 7, 2001, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1), please substitute the following rewritten paragraphs of the specification, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

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<Example 1>

This example is to show that the first and second heat—resisting steels having the chemical compositions of the present invention that include: 0.15 — 0.30 wt.% C, 0.05— 0.3 wt.% Si, 0.01 — 0.7 wt.% Mn, 1.8 — 2.5 wt.% Cr, 0.15 —0.23 wt.% V, 1.5 — 2.5 wt.% W, 0.01 — 0.02 wt.% Ti, 0.01 — 0.08 wt.% Nb, 0.005 — 0.03 wt.% N, 0.001 — 0.015 wt.% B, and Fe and unavoidable impurities as the remainder; or 0.15 — 0.30 wt.% C, 0.05— 0.3 wt.% Si, 0.01 — 0.7 wt.% Mn, 1.8 — 2.5 wt.%